

What is claimed is:

1. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a list of available other networks to
5 said User Equipment via the active network;
in the User Equipment, selecting among the
available networks based on preference information and
signalling to said active network at least one preferred
other network; and
10 providing neighbor cell information for the at
least one preferred other network to said User Equipment
via the active network.

2. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising a step of
providing to User Equipment communicating via the active
5 network a list of available other networks.

3. A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving from User Equipment communicating via the
5 active network an indication of at least one preferred
other network; and

in response thereto, providing neighbor cell information for the at least one preferred other network.

4. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of storing in the User Equipment a list of available networks based on information supplied by
5 the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

5. A method according to claim 4 further comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

6. A method according to claim 2 further comprising a step of sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

7. A method of operating an active network to facilitate handover to another network comprising a step of providing to User Equipment communicating via the active network a message containing information for
5 incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks.

8. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks
5 based on information supplied by the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

9. A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising a step of signalling to the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication a
5 preferred other network for handover.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein said preferred other network is selected by the User Equipment from a list of available networks supplied by the network.

11. A method of operating an active network with which User Equipment is in communication comprising a step of sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

12. A method according to claim 11 comprising a step of sending mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually

18. User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising means for updating a stored list of
5 available other networks based on information supplied by the active network.

19. User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising means for signalling a preferred other
5 network to the active network during a call.

20. User Equipment according to claim 19, further comprising means for storing network preference information.

21. User Equipment according to claim 16, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is a GSM network, having means for communicating over both networks.

22. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for communicating to User Equipment communicating with the network a list of available other networks.

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23. A mobile communications network or component thereof according to claim 22 having means for sending a message to me User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of
5 available networks.

24. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for sending a message to User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a list of available networks
5 stored in the User Equipment.

25. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for receiving from User Equipment communicating with the network an indication of a preferred other network and means for supplying
5 neighboring cell information for the preferred other network.

26. A mobile communications network or component thereof including means for sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

27. A mobile communications network or component

thereof according to claim 26 arranged to send mutually
different neighbor cell information to mutually different

- 5 User Equipments based on mutually different network
preferences.

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